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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 665

Introduced by Assembly Member DeSaulnier
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Huffman and Leno)

February 21, 2007

An act to add Sections 65040.7 and 65075 to the Government Code, relating to land use.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 665, as amended, DeSaulnier. Growth management.

Existing law provides that the Office of Planning and Research within the Governor's office serves as the state's comprehensive planning agency in the formulation, evaluation, and updating of, among other things, long-range goals and policies for land use, population growth and distribution, urban expansion, development, open space, resource preservation and utilization, air and water quality, and other factors that shape statewide development patterns and significantly influence the quality of the state's environment.

This bill would require the office to review and provide comments on the most recently adopted regional transportation plan of each transportation planning agency, and to review and comment on each subsequent proposed plan, and to provide comments to the agency, as specified.

The bill would also provide that the University of California Transportation Center is invited to solicit proposals from University of

California faculty during the 2008–09 academic year to produce a report on the best practices of transportation-land use planning and growth management, that includes specified criteria.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) There exists a need to assess California’s current ability to
4 manage its growth at the local, regional, and state level. The best
5 way to do this is by gathering information from the appropriate
6 local, regional, and state agencies.

7 (b) The state needs to coordinate the study of the current best
8 practices of other states and countries regarding smart growth
9 management to make recommendations that will improve the
10 state’s ability to manage anticipated growth in order to ensure that
11 future generations of Californians have the highest quality of life.

12 SEC. 2. Section 65040.7 is added to the Government Code, to
13 read:

14 65040.7. The Governor’s Office of Planning and Research
15 shall review and provide comments on the most recently adopted
16 regional transportation plan prepared pursuant to Sections 65080
17 and 65080.5 of each transportation planning agency, and shall
18 review and comment on each subsequent proposed regional
19 transportation plan, and shall provide comments to the
20 transportation planning agency, evaluating the extent to which the
21 plan will assist a region to achieve all of the following:

22 (a) A jobs-housing balance.

23 (b) Directing growth away from significant farmlands and
24 habitat.

25 (c) Directing growth to areas within walking distance of a major
26 transit station or hub.

27 SEC. 3. Section 65075 is added to the Government Code, to
28 read:

29 65075. The University of California Transportation Center is
30 invited to solicit proposals from University of California faculty
31 during the 2008–09 academic year to produce a report on the best
32 practices of transportation-land use planning and growth

1 management, that includes, but is not limited to, all of the
2 following:

3 (a) The generally accepted planning oversight and
4 implementation structures of other states in the United States and
5 foreign industrialized nations facing planning and growth
6 challenges similar to those currently being experienced by the
7 state.

8 (b) An assessment of the state's transportation and land use
9 practices and a comparison of their performance in managing
10 growth that includes all of the following with respect to each
11 regional transportation plan prepared and adopted pursuant to
12 Sections 65080 and 65080.5:

13 (1) The amount of housing produced compared to the population
14 growth and the employment growth of the region.

15 (2) The amount of affordable housing produced compared to
16 the need for affordable housing.

17 (3) The jobs-housing balance.

18 (4) The change in vehicle miles traveled per household and in
19 total within, to, and throughout the region.

20 (5) The amount of habitat developed and the amount of habitat
21 protected.

22 (6) The amount of farmland developed and the amount of
23 farmland protected.

24 (7) The percentage of population by region within walking
25 distance of major public transit stations or hubs.

26 (8) The percentage of population by region within walking
27 distance of a park or public recreational area.

28 (9) The areas covered by urban growth boundaries.

29 (c) Recommendations to the Assembly Select Committee on
30 Growth Management on future improvements that the state may
31 consider implementing.